

Overview of Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (*TERA*)

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EPA/ACC Technical Workshop for VCCEP

Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment

Articles of Incorporation: Statement of Purpose & Mission

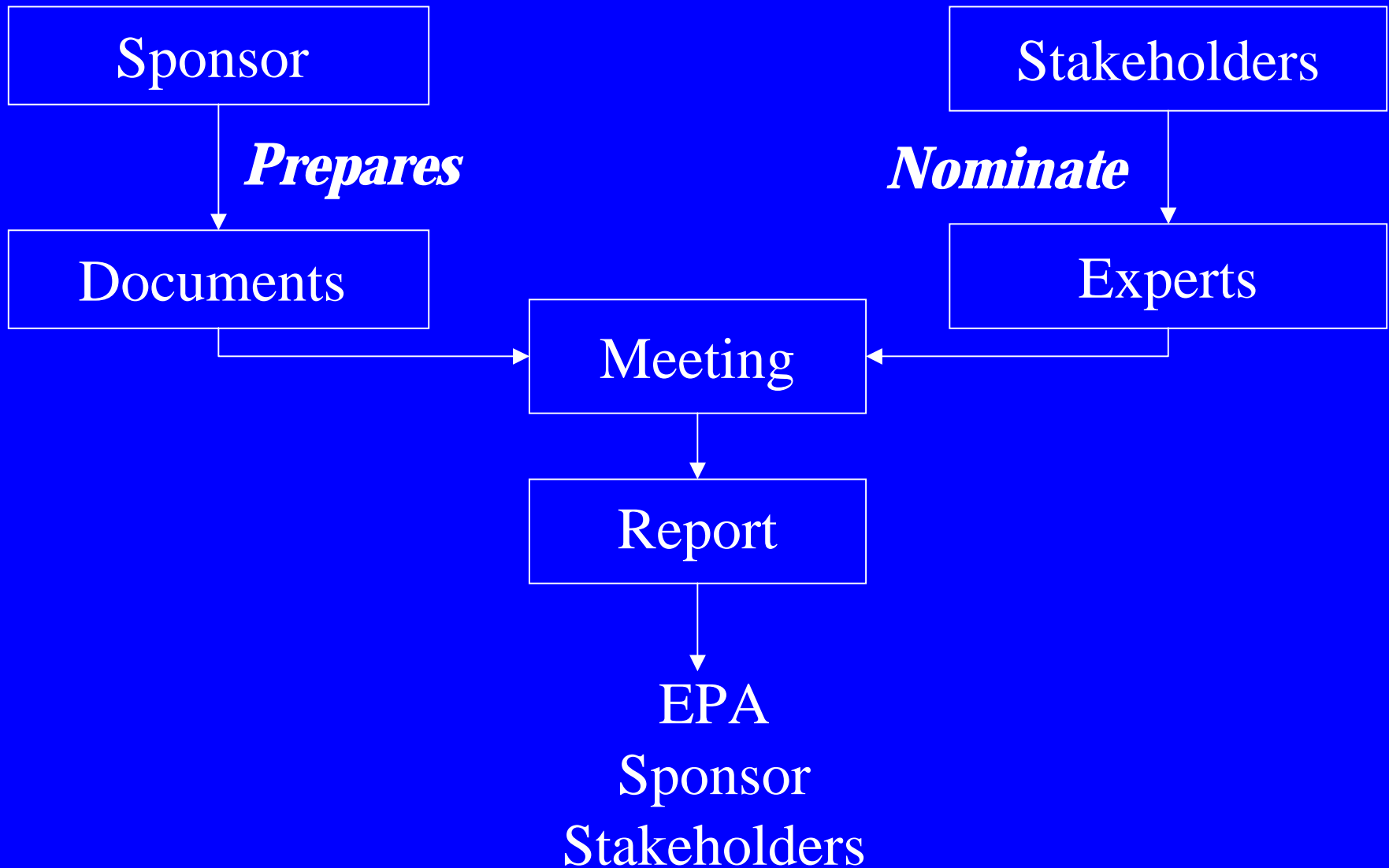
Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (*TERA*) is organized exclusively for scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The mission of *TERA* is to protect public health by developing and communicating risk assessment values, to improve risk assessment methods through research, and to educate the public on risk assessment issues.

TERA: Specific Activities

- Establishing high quality risk assessment values through the Verifiable Estimates for Risk Assessment (VERA) program;
- Compiling and distributing peer reviewed risk values through the International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER) database;
- Sponsoring expert peer review of risk values;
- Improving the underlying methods for risk assessment through research and publication;
- Educating diverse groups through training courses, scientific support and the State Hazard Evaluation Lending Program (State HELP);
- Facilitating improved risk assessment and management decisions through informed and neutral guidance.

VCCEP Peer Consultation



Tentative Peer Consultation Schedule

Currently

- Develop policies/procedures
- Develop VCCEP PC Web Page

2002 Quarter 1 (Jan - March)

- Solicit nominations for experts
- Select members for first panel
- Hold workshop to explain process

Tentative Schedule, Continued

Quarter 2 (Apr - June)

- Hold first VCCEP panel meeting
- Continue panelist nomination and selection for future meetings

- Subsequent Quarters

- Hold one panel meeting
- Continue panelist nomination and selection for future meetings

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